

Experts will help Medicare beneficiaries and their advocates navigate new law

ALBANY, GEORGIA. Tuesday, November 15, 2005, Medicare beneficiaries will be invited to enroll in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. For many, especially low-income seniors with high prescription drug costs, signing up for a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan could mean substantial savings. Unfortunately, with dozens of different plans for Georgians to choose from, the process of selecting a plan can be both confusing and intimidating. Therefore, on Monday, November 14, Congressman Sanford Bishop will be hosting a town hall forum to explain the new benefit and help Medicare beneficiaries and their advocates learn what choices may be right for them and the communities that they serve.

The town hall forum will include expert panelists from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhARMA) and the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare. Volunteers from Georgia Cares will also be on hand to provide individual assistance. Seniors are therefore encouraged to bring a list of their prescriptions or their pillboxes to the forum, so that volunteers can provide assistance in selecting the plan that will best meet their individual needs.

Medicare beneficiaries as well as healthcare workers and senior advocates are encouraged to attend the forum. More information is available at <http://bishop.house.gov> or by calling (202) 225-3631 or (229) 439-8067.

Who: Residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District

What: Town Hall Forum to discuss the new Medicare Prescription Drug Plans

When: 10:30 AM, Monday, November 14, 2005

Where: Albany Senior Center, 311 Pine Avenue, Albany, Georgia 31701